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Message

Dear Governor Cooper,

As the ACP makes its way through the approval process, there has been no shortage of reminders of how dangerous such projects are, including the recent announcement that the Trans Canada Keystone Pipeline 1 leaked 210,000 gallons oil last Thursday onto the plains of South Dakota.

The risks pipelines pose to air, water, and public health can begin even before they are operational during the noisy, disruptive, even violent installation process which includes such risky techniques as trenching, clear cutting, horizontal drilling, and blasting.

Once in place pipelines continue to be a danger to people living nearby, as do the compressor stations that support them. Methane and other gases can leak from compressor station equipment. "Blowdowns," accidental or deliberate, can release vast quantities of gases and other volatile compounds, as well as particulate matter. Sparks can cause fires or explosions. As big machines, compressor stations also emit loud noise 24/7.

Not surprisingly nearby residents have high rates of respiratory, cardiovascular, and neurological problems, as well as the stress that comes from incessant loud noise.

Because of the dangers the ACP poses to air, water, and public health in our state, I ask you to oppose it. I hope that officials involved in the approval process will ask if this dangerous and unpopular project is worth it or even necessary. Thank you very much.

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